

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In the Final Rejection mailed October 29, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 31-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. And, the Examiner allowed claims 8-28 and 30. The 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 31-40 is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The basic position taken by the Examiner is that claim 31 includes contradictory statements, which renders this claim indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner states that because claim 31 includes a limitation that the first axis is in a plane that is between said display screen and a surface of said display unit opposite to said display screen, three planes are required, and such a limitation is only possible when a plane of the display screen, a plane of the surface of the display unit opposite to the display screen, and the plane of the first axis are parallel with one another. This position is respectfully traversed, because claim 31 does **not** recite that the plane containing the first axis is between a “plane” containing the display screen and a “plane” containing the surface of the display unit that is opposite to the display screen.

Rather, because the display screen and the surface of the display unit that is opposite to the display screen, as claimed, each are defined by a **finite** area, there exists an infinite number of planes that are between these finite areas (i.e. do not intersect either of these finite areas) and are sometimes parallel to these finite areas and sometimes not parallel to these finite areas, for a given amount of rotation of the display unit about the second axis 6b. The first axis is in one of these infinite number of planes such that the first axis is “sometimes parallel to said display”, as recited in claim 31.

Accordingly, while the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection might be appropriate if claim 31 recited “a **plane** of the display screen” and “a **plane** of a surface of the display unit opposite to the display screen”, claim 31 does not require such infinite areas, and accordingly, for the reasons as expressed above claim 31 is definite within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

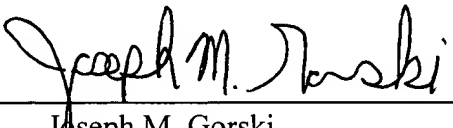
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection should not be maintained.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

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